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**May 29, 2022; Seventh Sunday of Easter**



**That They May Be One**

**John 17:20-26**

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## Welcome

The flowers on the Altar and the radio broadcast are sponsored by Dave & Shirley Ripley in memory of family.

## Gathering Hymn:

## "Gather Us In"

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## Apostolic Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: **And also with you.**

*Hymn of Praise*

“His Name is Wonderful”

His name is wonderful, His name is wonderful,  
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.  
He is the mighty King, Master of everything;  
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.  
He’s the great shepherd, the rock of all ages.  
Almighty God is He.  
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him,  
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord

*Prayer of the Day*

**O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Reading*

**Acts 16:16-34**

*Read by Eric Johanninger*

16One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. 17While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” 18She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. 19But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. 20When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews 21and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” 22The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. 23After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. 24Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. 27When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. 28But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” 29The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” 32They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 34He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Children of the heav’nly Father  
Safely in his bosom gather;  
Nestling bird or star in heaven  
Such a refuge ne’er was given.

*Children’s Sermon*

*Gospel Song:*

“Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*P: The Holy Gospel according to John 17:20-26*



20"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 26I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

*P: The Gospel of the Lord...*



*Sermon*

Pastor Russ Leeper

*Song of the Day*

"Chain Breaker"

**Video**

*The Creed*

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth,  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was  
buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*The Prayers (P):* Lord in your mercy,  
Response: **hear our prayer.**

***Please Keep the following in prayer:***

Sue Ayers	Carl Johnson	Marilu Wohlers
James Grob	Marilyn (Tootie) Kolb	Bill Wohlers, Jr.
Dale Hughes	Randy Kreger	Carmen Wolf
Linda Hughes	Kayla LaBarge	Calvin Shultz
Ron James	Brandie McDonald	

***Family of Dale Edward Lamprecht***

***The Prayer List:*** Names will be kept on the list for 3 weeks. Family members can request a name be left on longer. The office number is 228-3397.

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Mackenzy Bilharz, Alex Buenger, Kaylie Fox, Hannah Fox, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Drew Roethler, Robson Shankland

*The Offering*

The Offering Hymn

“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”

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1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.  
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.  
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system contains two verses of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with clear lyrics.

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Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune; arr. Alice Parker, b. 1925  
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Response

“Take Our Lives”

Take our lives and let them be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take our moments and our days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take our love, oh Lord, we pour at your feet its treasure store;  
Take our lives and we will be ever yours eternally.

*The Lord's Prayer:*

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For this is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

*The Benediction*



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;  
 2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;  
 3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
 he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.  
 with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword;  
 Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!  
 As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.  
 Our God is march - ing on.  
 while God is march - ing on.



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.



*P:* Go in peace and share the Good News!  
**Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude:*

“America! America!”

Robert Hughes



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**May 29 - June 5**

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Bible study
Monday	<b>Office Closed - Memorial Day</b>	
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship/Comm
	11:00 a.m.	Parish Ed

**After Worship Social Time**  
Coffee & a treat are served outside the Narthex doors each Sunday! If you would like to volunteer to bring the treats let Kathy know in the office.



**Sesquicentennial Celebration Hymn Sing Sunday**

In continuing our sesquicentennial celebration at St. John, we will be having an “Old Fashioned, Hymn Sing Sunday” on Sunday, June 12, 2022. Please come and enjoy and learn the stories behind some of the hymns we sing in church.

**VBS: “Monumental – Celebrating God’s Greatness” June, 14th-17th**

- The link for online registration is <https://vbspro.events/p/7fb3bc>
- Walk-in registration will begin at 5:15pm on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Plan on having your kids attend from 5:30pm-7:30pm on Tuesday-Friday!
- We will serve a light supper for the kids each evening.
- VBS is open to kids in Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grades.
- There is no registration fee for VBS this year thanks to Kans for Kids!
- If you are interested in volunteering at VBS, please contact Laurie.

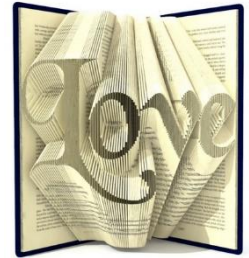


The Youth Board is sponsoring a **summer mission trip to the North Dakota Badlands from July 5-9, 2022**. This trip is open to St. John students who have **completed 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades** and their friends. Sign up on the bulletin board outside Laurie's office.

The Youth Board would welcome any donations toward the cost of fuel for the bus. If you feel called to donate stop in and see Linda in the Business Office.

Put **Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar to attend the **Youth Bake Sale** in the Narthex. The youth participating in the mission trip will again be baking pies and other goodies to sell before and after worship service.

**Coming in June:** The prayer shawl group will continue on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. The 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday will be a Craft Time! We will make some items for the **150th Anniversary** dinner and craft fair in October. This **crafting session** will start with simple projects at first. One possible project will be the LOVE folded book pictured on the right. Materials will be provided.



We are asking for crafting material from anyone who has extra to donate! So, clean out your junk craft drawers, closets, and bookshelves! We need bits and pieces of lots of things. If you're a crafter, you understand. Some items needed: Hard cover or paperback books (350-500 pages); cloth type ribbon, bling such as pearls, rhinestones, beads, etc.; buttons; flat lace (1/2 – 1 inch); silk flowers & leaves; mini glue sticks &/or glue guns.

**Remember that there is a craft fair in October. We are looking for heritage as well as modern crafts. Maybe some jams or jellies or salsa as we work with our gardening. Keep it in mind as the year goes on.**

Questions? contact [petefishj@mchsi.com](mailto:petefishj@mchsi.com).

**The Helping Hands committee** is ready, willing, and able to help run errands, do minor household help, and provide transportation. If you need any of these services, please call Kathy at the church office during regular business hours. Someone will contact you within 48 hours of receiving the message to make arrangements to help.

**Offering from the week of  
May 22, 2022**

General Receipts	\$	9,575.20
Designated offering		420.00

*General receipts of \$9,812.94 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.*

**Attendance: 194**

**Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcast**

Call the office at 641-228-3397 to sign up to sponsor Altar flowers &/or radio broadcasts in 2022. We have many radio dates open. Several of our members can only listen to the radio and do appreciate being “a part” of the service as a listening member.